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1. 'On 6 November 1953, about 600 men wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were quartered in the western section of the barracks installation north of Lenin Strasse in Chemnitz. From 1 to 6 November, about 50 vehicles were in the storage sheds of the western section and about 300 men drilled daily. On 6 November, about 100 young unarmed soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets left the installation toward the city.

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2. On 31 October, about 1,200 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, with about 30 percent wearing artillery insignia and about 20 percent wearing motor transport insignia, were quartered in the eastern section of the barracks installation north of Lenin Strasse. The installation was occupied to capacity. Twenty-five to thirty 85-mm AA guns and fifteen to twenty 37-mm AA guns were in the storage sheds in the northern section. An estimated 60 to 70 motor vehicles, [redacted] were in the installation. On 26 October, five trucks [redacted] each occupied by about 30 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, entered the installation. During the night from 28 to 29 October, five trucks towing 85-mm AA guns entered the barracks area.

3. On 31 October, about 450 men including 40 percent wearing black-bordered black epaulets were quartered in the Ebersdorf barracks. At least 20 trucks were in the barracks area. [redacted] about 250 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets left on about 20 trucks during the night on 28 October. The trucks returned to the installation. [redacted] recruits arrived there. A military hospital staffed with about eight physicians and about 30 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets and serving as wardens, drivers and guards, still was in the western section of the installation. A headquarters with about 40 officers was in the eastern section of the installation. About 25 to 30 men and three trucks [redacted] referred to as driving-school trucks daily were at the target range from 25 to 31 October. On 31 October, about 30 men wearing black-bordered black epaulets left the eastern section of the barracks installation toward the ammunition depot. [redacted]

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 Comment. The barracks installations on Lenin Strasse are still occupied as previously. The present report indicates no changes regarding the occupation of the barracks in Ebersdorf. 

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